REGIONAL MARITIME SECURITY INITIATIVE

MARITIME VISION

Build regional consensus enabling necessary sovereign actions to counter maritime transnational threats. Facilitate and unify the effort by aligning inter-ministerial and interagency maritime security capabilities.

SECURITY GOAL

Build a common, shared regional maritimetraffic awareness to better secure territorial waters, eliminate safe havens and create a maritime environment hostile to terrorist activities and other criminal activities.

COMMON ELEMENTS

Situational Awareness & Information Sharing

- Fused information shared among governments to facilitate security & cueing.

Responsive Decision-Making Architecture

- Standardized procedures to support timely multilateral responses.

Enhance Maritime Interception Capacity

- Facilitate willing nations' ability to take effective action.

Encourage Voluntary International Actions

- Respect sovereignty.
- Facilitate inter-ministerial cooperation.

SECURITY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC MARITIME CONTINUUM

	PSI	MDA	CSI	RMSI	ISPS
TITLE	Proliferation Security Initiative	Maritime Domain Awareness	Container Security Initiative	Regional Maritime Security Initiative	International Ship & Port Facility Security Code
US & INTL. AGENCIES	National Security Council US Department of State US Department of Defense	US Coast Guard US Navy	US Department of Homeland Security - Customs & Border Protection (CBP)	US Department of State USPACOM	United Nations International Maritime Organization
AREA	Worldwide / Global	US & Territories	Worldwide / Global	Asia-Pacific Region	Worldwide / Global
FOCUS	Deter & disrupt WMD (& related material/delivery systems) proliferation transported on the sea, air & ground. Reduce proliferation by deterring suppliers & customers, & making proliferation more costly & difficult.	Attain effective understanding of anything associated with the global maritime environment that could impact the security, safety, economy, or environment of the US.	US-bound shipping cargo container safety. Exchange program with CBP officers stationed in select ports. About 7 million containers arriving in US ports annually. 90% of global trade via cargo containers.	Partnership of willing nations enhancing capabilities & leveraging capacities through unity of effort to identify, monitor & intercept transnational maritime threats consistent with existing international & domestic laws.	Provide a standardized, consistent framework for evaluating risk, & enabling governments to offset changes in threats with changes in vulnerability for ships & port facilities.

ASIA-PACIFIC MARITIME CONTINUUM

- Key maritime straits and chokepoints
- Regional maritime commerce expansion
- 1/3 of global shipping traverses the region
- Widely dispersed geography
- Limited trans-regional coordination architecture
- Inter-ministerial / interagency cooperation
- Maritime security capabilities
- Evolving international laws / authorities
- UN IMO activities and standards
- Increased violent criminal and piracy acts





